

most precious gift—freedom, but she has been at the forefront as the giver of hope to millions of men, women and children of all races, colors, and creeds.

On this day, 52 years ago, the Brown vs. Board of Education decision served as a bridge to the promise of freedom for people from all races, creeds and colors. In commemoration of that historic decision, we celebrate the legacy of one woman who epitomizes the fight for freedom in this country and the journey for justice—Dr. Dorothy Irene Height.

In 1954, when the Brown vs. Board of Education decision was announced, Dr. Height led the way for the YWCA to produce the booklet, "Our Schools and Our Democracy," to encourage associations to participate fully in helping desegregate the schools. Dr. Height also convened a Southern Regional Conference in Atlanta to discuss the problems and opportunities of desegregation and worked closely with the student leadership of the YWCA to develop simple things that people could do, such as escorting a child to school when it is first integrated.

Fifty-two years later, her commitment to young people is alive and well today. Dr. Height is leading the way in leaving a lasting legacy for the next generation through the Dorothy Irene Height Youth For Excellence Initiative (YFE) Program in association with the Civil Rights musical, "If This Hat Could Talk: A Musical of Passion, Power, and Triumph." Dr. Height has utilized the musical as a strategy for "keeping the Civil Rights legacy alive" and empowering young people to make a difference in their local and global communities.

Because of her unwavering commitment to our youth, the YFE has become a cornerstone of the Musical's program. The YFE provides multicultural students, grades 7–12 with a free performance and materials for their teachers to continue teaching lessons of equality, fairness and respect for diversity in the classroom. The Musical experience allows them to learn about their Civil Rights legacy and continue that legacy through education. They view Dr. Height's journey throughout history and that of others like Rosa Parks, Fannie Lou Hamer, A. Phillip Randolph, John Lewis, Linda Brown and Mary McLeod Bethune, just to name a few. Today, because of her vision, her story, her on-going, never-ending commitment to kids, the Musical has been seen by over 10,000 youth. Dr. Height has set a new standard of excellence in her diligent, unwavering efforts to instill a commitment to Civil and Human rights in the next generation of leaders.

It is today that we, the members of the Congressional Black Caucus, celebrate and honor Dr. Dorothy Irene Height. We truly have an affinity for her. For 37 years, Dr. Height's trailblazing efforts have enabled us, as a Congressional Black Caucus, to empower the masses and effectively represent the interest of urban and rural America in this country and address the legislative concerns of citizens of all backgrounds. She has enabled us to be a viable, fair, fearless, and strong governmental force. Dr. Height showed us how one woman of courage, with one voice, could set in motion a mission that changed the world. As we continue as a Congressional Black Caucus, operating in one single voice, while reflecting our own diversity, we have gained strength, insight and instruction from her life. Through her ef-

forts, she has taught us how to turn tumultuous times into turning points, pain into personal victory and adversity into achievement. For this, we are forever grateful.

HONORING JOEL M. CARP

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joel M. Carp of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for his outstanding contributions to the Federation, as well as to the community at large. After 28 years of outstanding service, I have this great opportunity to congratulate Joel in his retirement.

Throughout his professional career in social work, social planning, and advocacy, Joel has engaged in efforts to create sound public policies and sustain quality, comprehensive health and human services for all people throughout Chicago, the state of Illinois, and the United States. He has served as chairman of and/or represented the Chicago Jewish community on a number of governmental task forces charged with determining public policy including: the City of Chicago Mayor's Task Force on Hunger, the Task Force on Homelessness, and the Task Force on Neighborhood Land Use. Additionally, Chicago Mayor Daley and Cook County Board President Stroger appointed him to their Task Force on Welfare Reform. At the state level, he has served on: the Governor's Task Force on Services for the Homeless; the Department of Children and Family Services Child Welfare Advisory Committee; and on the advisory boards of the Illinois Department of Public Aid on social services, public welfare, block grants, and allocation of funds for emergency food and shelter. At the Illinois Department of Human Services, he serves as a member of the Family Self Sufficiency Council, the Governor's Families and Children Leadership Sub-Cabinet, and the Lt. Governor's Ethnic Affairs Council.

Joel has published over 30 articles on various subjects in the field of social work, social planning, voluntarism, and refugee resettlement. His most recent work is a chapter entitled "The Jewish Social Welfare Lobby in the U.S." in a two-volume work on the Jewish Policy & Civil Society, published in 2002. He has served a number of universities as a field faculty member in their graduate social work education programs.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to stand with me today and take this occasion to recognize Joel Carp for his many achievements, wishing him well in retirement. As Joel truly sets an example to all citizens, we acknowledge and thank him for his role in making our community a better place to live.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA BOYD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Barbara Boyd, dedi-

cated public servant, civic activist, community leader and devoted wife and mother, as she is being honored by the Community Living Hope United Methodist Church of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for her unwavering focus, energy and work on behalf of improving the quality of life for all members of our community.

Ms. Boyd was born and raised in Cleveland, and graduated from Glenville High School. With a focus on higher education, Ms. Boyd graduated from St. Paul's College in Virginia, then moved back home to Cleveland where she worked as an educator in the Cleveland Public Schools. She began her tenure as a public servant in 1983, when she became the first African American elected to Cleveland Heights City Council. In 1992, Ms. Boyd was elected as the first African American Mayor in the history of Cleveland Heights.

Ms. Boyd's husband, Robert Boyd, and her daughter, Janine Boyd, continue to be the center of her life, with everything else radiating outward from there. With the great support of her family, she decided to continue her tenure of public service and run for state office. She was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1993 and served until 2000 due to term limits. During her tenure in the House, Ms. Boyd focused her energy and expertise on committees that encompassed the support and empowerment of children, youth, families and the elderly. She was awarded the 2000 Legislator of the Year Award, for her work on alcohol and drug assistance and prevention; the Black Women's History Award in 1992, the Alzheimer's Award in 2000 and was named the "Official of the Year" by the Ohio Patrolmen Benevolent Association in 1989.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of Barbara Boyd, as we join with the Community of Living Hope United Methodist Church in recognition of her professional excellence and devoted public service focused on uplifting our entire Cleveland community into the light of hope and possibility.

LAUREN WILLIAMSON WINS NINE TEXAS ASSOCIATED PRESS AWARDS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lauren Williamson, currently a senior at the University of North Texas for her nine broadcast awards from the Texas Associated Press.

A graduate of Marcus High School in 2003, Lauren Williamson is pursuing her journalism degree. During her time at UNT, Ms. Williamson worked as news director of KNTU-FM. The station competes for Division B of the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters which includes smaller radio markets throughout Texas. Ms. Williamson competed against other student and professional broadcasters.

Ms. Williamson won four, first place, three second place, and two honorable mention awards at this year's competition. The awards included her work on "Christmas in McKinney," "Fry Oil to Fuel," a report on the City of Denton's recycling program with Biodiesel Industries of Greater Dallas-Fort Worth, "Opening of Terminal D," a story about DFW Airport's newest international terminal and "Class